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## THE AMERICAN CREED.

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

## HANGING AS A SOFTENING INFLUENCE.

THERE is no large unsolved problem before civilization about which there is such wide difference of opinion, so many conflicting theories and such complete confusion of thought as there is about that which in recent years has been rather loosely labeled criminality. But all schools of thought probably are in entire agreement to say that Sheriff Peters, of Cook county, Illinois, was absolutely wrong when he concluded that forcing 200 "graduates" of the country's crime schools to witness the legal taking off of a fellow who had been so unfortunate as to lose out in the game of matching wits with the minions of the law in a town like Chicago might have a reformatory effect upon them.

It is much easier to understand the mental processes which impelled those hard cases who have turned their backs upon the world to set up their horrible chant of "when do we eat?" than it is to figure out what was going on inside of Peters' head when he conceived his plan of making a spectacle out of this hanging for the possible softening influence it might have upon the 200 particular prisoners he selected. Does the man not know that it has not been so many years since a hanging was a public holiday in England? If he has reached middle age he must be able himself to remember the day when the story of an ordinary hanging was regarded as great news and worthy of front page display by the editors of Chicago newspapers who, whatever their other limitations may have been, certainly understood what their public wanted.

It was because of this morbid curiosity that in many states capital punishment has by law been shorn of its spectacular features and is now generally conducted in the utmost privacy. It is an indication of the essential backwardness of Illinois that it was possible for the sheriff of any county to carry out such a revolting plan as the one Peters conceived.

But however much of a failure Peters may be as a student of the psychology of what Prof. Lombroso would

call the typical criminal, he is quite a success in another way. Chicago and Sheriff Peters will be the two best advertised things in the world today. For twenty-four hours at least they will loom larger in the newspapers and occupy more prominent positions on the best news pages than the progress of the negotiations with Germany or the probable fate of the treaty in the United States senate. If he is willing to accept notoriety as the equivalent of fame, Sheriff Peters ought to be satisfied, because for a few hours at least he will be a world figure. What the sensible people of Chicago and the state of Illinois think about it is of course another story.

## MILITARISM SURVIVES.

GERMANY has a million men under arms in spite of the armistice terms dictated by Marshal Foch. Three times that many men are reported to be serving under the flag of the Soviet government of Russia, and recent reports from the latter country indicate that this Red army at last is an efficient military force.

The existence of one of these forces probably has considerable to do with the existence of the other, but if the two at any stage should happen to be joined in an offensive campaign against the democracies to the west a good many unpleasant things might happen in a very short time.

There is, of course, small probability that anything like this could happen, but the fact that fourteen months after the end of hostilities there should be so many fully armed and equipped soldiers in a Europe which is so completely bankrupt that no one has been able to figure out just how bad the financial and economic condition is, is a pointed and unanswerable arraignment of the men who have been charged with the responsibility for working out the peace terms.

One of the things that the war was expected to bring to a broken world was relief from the burden of militarism. But on the basis of this showing Mars is still riding on the neck of Europe as insolently as he did in the days of Hohenzollern might, and the only nations that have shown any tendency to disarm or get rid of the cost of huge armaments are the two from which the world has the least to fear.

The rule seems to be the more dangerous and backward the people the bigger their armies and the heavier the burden they are bearing because of them. This is a new threat at the peace of the world and a dangerous one, too. For the fact that it exists the world has to thank the diplomatists who could not see the vision and from the first plotted to turn the Versailles treaty into an old fashioned predatory peace. The delays and the changes in program which this brought about have literally given a new effect to the war.

Coincident with the largest raid upon the radicals operating in this country the Department of Justice announced last night that it had evidence that emissaries of the Communists are active in many cities "boring" into labor organizations which have hitherto been noted for their conservatism. From surface indications the public has suspected this for some time, but honest organized labor seems not to have detected the movement. However, the issue raised by the Department of Justice cannot be ignored, and if the unions do not clean house they may expect to encounter opposition in places where they have had support for many years. This country is going to get rid of agitation for agitation's sake alone no matter what the cost.

Reginald De Koven's Rip Van Winkle was sung for the first time last night by the Chicago Opera company, and it is described in the dispatches as "grand opera fashioned on light opera lines with several tuneful melodies." That ought to start the crowd toward the ticket window, but it is pretty safe to say that it will not be an unqualified success from a financial standpoint unless it also has more than a little jazz in it. A generation which could stomach whiskey straight, and therefore made it illegal, has capitulated unqualifiedly to the neurotic in music and "grand opera on light opera lines" is public confession of it, but like other equivocations it is apt not to prove satisfactory.

Dr. Earl Barnes, of Philadelphia, who lectured before the Woman's club last evening, said that the educational conditions in this country are reaching an alarming stage because so many teachers are leaving the ranks. But that is but one phase of the matter. Unless something is done to put the schools back into the position they ought to occupy as one of the corner stones of the Republic young people will stop training for educational service and the real crisis will occur several years hence.

Famine conditions are reported to be acute in Vienna. And this is the city where the announcement that the government had determined to crush little Serbia was hailed with every public manifestation of joy. The only certain thing about war is that once begun it seldom ends as it is expected to end.

as West Virginia thirty were five or so years ago.

## RUFF STUFF

Last night's lecturer is reported to have "electrified" some of his audience by intimating that their ancestors scamped around on all fours.

That's rather a delicate way of putting it, we'd say.

Guy who really have delved into the anatomical side have gone to the length of saying that maybe some ancestors hung from the limbs of trees with their tails.

But that must have been a long time ago.

Not much danger that it ever will crop up in such a way as to embarrass one socially or keep one out of the good clubs.

You see a scientist told a lot of other scientists at St. Louis this week that there had not been a change in the shape of man's shoulder blades in over 6,000 years.

And that, probably goes for the rest of his anatomy.

Out in Los Angeles they are trying to prove that a man who killed a girl is insane because he sat down in an empty bath tub at 2 a. m. clad in his underclothing and socks and called it a dry bath.

There probably has been a lot of that kind of insanity in the world.

But it is of the kind that a Turkish bath can cure in short order.

The cops of Gothamtown are a bright lot, we don't think.

They have discovered that queer looking shape on the bottom of whiskey flasks and they are just as sure some one is sipping with the liker

Communities are like individuals.

They have to get their real wisdom through their own experiences.

New York cops will be just as wise to the wiles of bootleggers some day as West Virginia constables are now.

But they will have to go some if they want to equal the West Virginia record for red eye consumption.

## EAST SIDE NEWS

**Returned to School.**  
Walter Smouse, who has been spending the holidays at his home in Market street, returned Friday to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he is a student at a medical college.

**Home from Visit.**  
Miss Martha Frum has returned from Clarksburg, where she was the guest of Miss Blanche McMillan. Miss McMillan and Miss Nettie Morgan accompanied her to Lost Creek, where they visited Miss Lydia Hall.

**At First M. P. Church.**  
In the absence of the pastor, Rev. C. C. Lawson, the morning service at this church will be conducted by Fred B. Cannon and John H. Watson will have charge of the evening service. A cordial invitation is given to all to attend these services.

**Entertained at Dinner.**  
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Reeves, of Alta Vista avenue, entertained a number of relatives and friends at dinner on New Year's day. A dinner which consisted of all the delicacies of the sea-

son was served to the following guests: Mrs. Belle Murphy, Alpheus West, D. A. Harris, Mrs. Fred Wilson, of Morgan Mines, Martha Harris, of Haywood, Mrs. Galaspie, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Moore and children, Katherine and George, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Brickley and children, Sarah Frances and Junior, and Mrs. Harley Francis and children, Kathleen, Kenneth, Wilbur and Clifton.

**From Little Falls.**  
Luther Steele, of Haymond street, went to Little Falls Friday evening. He was accompanied home today by his daughter, Miss Dorothy, who had been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin, the past several days.

**Personals.**  
Misses Ivy Frum and Ethel Eddy spent Friday with the Misses Eunice and Virginia Carpenter at Millersville.

Dr. and Mrs. N. B. Cox and daughter, Miss Pauline, have returned to Shinnston, after spending New Year's day with relatives in the city.

Mrs. J. B. Criser, who had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jesse Rex, in Guffy street, went to her home at Keyser Thursday and returned Friday. Her husband, who came here with her, has been ill. They will remain here where he can have the best medical attention.

Mrs. Enos Parker and sister, Mrs. Edward Gihart, have gone to Baltimore to see their father, Rufus E. Harr, who is a patient at Johns Hopkins hospital. Mr. Harr is getting along nicely.

From the time of the Greek philosophers, Epicurus and Democritus, until about 1800, heat was considered a form of matter.

At the time of the Romans homes were mainly heated by portable stoves without any regular exit for the smoke or fumes.

## Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

### A CASE OF PROFITEERING.

From the Wheeling Intelligencer.  
A West Virginia daily newspaper published within a hundred miles of Wheeling, relates the following experience. This newspaper has, for years, had a contract for its paper supply with an important jobbing house in Philadelphia. Early in the fall this house assured the publisher that it would arrange to take care of his needs during the year of 1920. The publisher had been marketing the paper of a well known New York paper mill and assumed that the supply would be furnished to his customers at the normal price established by the large paper manufacturers.

When he attempted to renew contracts for the people he represented he was met with an arbitrary advance in price from \$3.75 a hundred to \$6.75 a hundred. There was no claim that it would cost more to manufacture paper in 1920 than it did to manufacture in 1919. The cold-blooded fact was that the paper producers thought they had their customers at a disadvantage and intended to squeeze them to the limit. This is the kind of profiteering that is responsible for a good deal of the high prices in this country today; profiteering from the necessities of the public and of long established customers, profiteering without regard to costs of operation.

Heretofore we have depended upon the principle of competition to protect consumers against the conscienceless profiteer, but the world is short of goods. Competition, under these conditions does not exist and the men who happen to control the production of necessities are in a position to force exorbitant prices. Until the balance between production and consumption is more nearly established some legal limit should be set upon the operations of concerns that apparently do not have the wisdom or fairness to set a limit themselves.

## Worthington

**Banquet a Success.**  
The banquet given by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at I. O. O. F. hall on Wednesday evening, December 31, was largely attended. The program as printed in The West Virginian was carried out. Short speeches, readings, recitations, vocal music were the principal items of the program. Finley Oakes was master of ceremonies. The supper prepared by the Loyal Sisters Rebekah lodge was enjoyed by those present. A contribution of about \$12 was secured by the ladies for children at the Odd Fellows' home at Elkins.

**Lodges Elect Officers.**  
Worthington Lodge No. 119, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers at the regular meeting on Tuesday evening to serve for the next term: Noble grand, James P. Sandy; vice grand, Artie T. Wood; secretary, S. K. Jacobs; treasurer, A. L. Mason; trustee, James T. Taggart. They will be installed later in the month.  
Loyal Sisters Rebekah Lodge No. 188, elected the following officers for next term: Noble grand, Zoa B. Sturm; vice grand, Mrs. Ida Cunningham; secretary, J. C. Jacobs; treasurer, Mrs. Ellen Jacobs.

**Municipal Election.**  
The last municipal election was about the warmest one ever held in Worthington. The Citizens' ticket and the Peoples' Progressive ticket were on the official ballot but some of the leaders of the Peoples' Progressive party were not satisfied with some of the substitutions made by their committee to fill vacancies and attempt to defeat the candidate placed on the ticket and also made an effort to defeat one of their own nominees. Both attempts were failures and the Citizens' party elected every man on its ticket. The vote was as follows: Citizens' ticket: Mayor Elsiea Brumage, 43; recorder, S. K. Jacobs, 42; members of council, Chas. R. Atha, 64; A. J. McDaniel, 66; Chas. E. Parrish, 45.

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Joe T. Taggart, 42; Fred W. Taggart, 60.  
Peoples' Progressive ticket: Mayor, Jos. Peterson, 20; W. E. Bassett, 4; Recorder, J. Lane Parrish, 24; members of council, Raymond Stutler, 24; Claude C. Tetrick, 24; Atha, McDaniel and Parrish were on both tickets. We understand the Progressives are arranging for a contest on various grounds.

### A Sad Death.

Frankie Powell Hayes, the four and one-half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Hayes, died rather suddenly on Friday evening. The little fellow was playing as usual up until Thursday at noon when he complained of being unwell and Dr. Barr, of Middleton, was called in and administered some medicine. The child however continued to grow worse until about 2:00 a. m. on Friday when he passed away. The body was prepared for burial by Undertaker Harner, of Shinnston, and will be taken to Clendenen, Kanawha county, for interment. The remains will leave here on Friday evening and the funeral will be held at Clendenen on Sunday. Mr. Hayes is an employee of the Consolidation Coal company and works at Middleton. He has only been a resident of Worthington for about three months. The little fellow was very popular and the sympathies of the whole town go with the bereaved parents.

**Real Estate Changes Hand.**  
Mrs. Florence E. Tetrick has sold her valuable residence in Main street in the Development company's addition to adoc C. Talkington, the purchase price being \$6,000.

**Membership Increasing.**  
Loyal Sisters Rebekah lodge seems to be prospering very much at the present time. At their meeting on Thursday evening ten members were reinstated and the applications of twenty-eight applicants for initiation were passed upon. This class will be initiated on Thursday evening, January 15th, the degree staff of No. 64 of Fairmont, doing the work.

**Personals.**  
Mrs. John Colwell was shopping in Fairmont on Thursday.  
E. V. Copeland, of Weston, was a business caller here on Wednesday.

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Lowell Oakes attended the Newsboys' dinner given by The West Virginian on Thursday.  
Miss Mabel Hubanks, of Annabelle, was a visitor here on Wednesday.  
A. R. Watkins, of Fairmont, was a visitor in town on Friday.  
A. J. McDaniel was a visitor in Fairmont on Thursday evening.  
Archie Brumage returned on Thursday from a visit with his brother, John L. Brumage, at Moundsville.  
Perry C. Vernon, of Enterprise, was a visitor here on Wednesday evening and took in the banquet.  
R. C. Mayo, conductor on the Western Maryland, returned on Friday evening from a week's vacation spent with friends at Cumberland, Md.

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